

REMARKS**I. General**

Applicant presents this Amendment concurrently with the filing of the Appeal Brief. Claim 20 is canceled without prejudice. Such amendment is specifically provided for under 37 C.F.R. §41.33(b)(1); thus, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner enter this amendment.

II. Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 10011529-1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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